## **Introduced by Senator Kehoe**

(Coauthor: Assembly Member Saldana)

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An act to amend Section 32631 of the Public Resources Code, relating to the San Diego River Conservancy.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 419, as introduced, Kehoe. San Diego River Conservancy.

Existing law authorizes the San Diego River Conservancy to acquire and manage certain public lands in the San Diego River Area. Existing law states that the San Diego River Parkway Coalition's Policy Committee and Citizen's Advisory Committee are developing a San Diego River Parkway Concept Plan and that it is the intent of the Legislature that the conservancy consider the recommendations in that concept plan when implementing the statutory provisions governing the San Diego River Conservancy.

This bill would revise those provisions to state that the San Diego River Parkway Coalition's Policy Committee and Citizen's Advisory Committee have completed the San Diego River Parkway Concept Plan.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- SECTION 1. Section 32631 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
- 3 32631. (a) The San Diego River is a natural, historic, and
- 4 recreational resource in the heart of San Diego. From its headwaters
- 5 near the town of Julian in east San Diego County, it runs 52 miles

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 through Mission Valley before it empties into the Pacific at Ocean Beach. The river has been subjected to intense development in some parts; it runs through one of San Diego's most populated neighborhoods and is in need of restoration, conservation, and enhancement all along its length. The area presents excellent opportunities for recreation, scientific research, and educational and cultural activities, of value to California and the nation.

- (b) Given the opportunities available, the state recognizes the importance of holding this land in trust to be preserved and enhanced for the enjoyment of present and future generations.
- (c) The San Diego River Parkway Coalition's Policy Committee and Citizen's Advisory Committee, representing diverse state and local interests, is developing have developed a San Diego River Parkway Concept Plan that will, in concept, outline and provide outlines and provides a structural framework for ideas for establishing a San Diego River Parkway Master Plan. It is the intent of the Legislature that the San Diego River Conservancy consider the recommendations in that concept plan when implementing the provisions of this division.